

**Minutes of Heatherside Ward Residents AGM
(11th October 2021 - Heatherside Community Centre)**

Present

Committee members - Kirsty North, Caroline Hibberd, Katherine Sargent

Heatherside Borough Councillors - Graham Tapper, John Skipper

Heatherside County Councillor - Edward Hawkins

Heatherside Pillar team - Len Williams

Approximately 20 local residents

Apologies received from Larry Bain - Vice Chair, Kristian Wrenn - Borough Councillor, Peter Ludlow

Agenda Items

1) Welcome and Introductions

Kirsty welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Committee and the Borough Councillors. She explained that Edward Hawkins, our County Councillor, would be joining us a little later as he had an early meeting he was coming straight from.

Kirsty explained the COVID 19 precautions that were in place for the evening. These included

- Socially distanced seating
- Open windows and door
- Hand sanitiser available
- Mask wearing recommended but not required

She also drew attendees' attention to a form at the back of the room if they wished to leave contact details for Track and Trace purposes.

2) Chair's Report 2019-2021

Kirsty explained that this was our first proper meeting since the beginning of 2020. We normally meet on a quarterly basis but COVID 19 had meant this was impossible. Our only meeting had been an outdoor one on the Heatherside field in July 2020 when we discussed the future protection of Heatherside Recreation Ground from unauthorised incursions.

The pandemic has also meant our other events such as quiz nights have been unable to go ahead. However we have successfully held a scarecrow competition and two virtual painting competitions over the lockdown period.

Our normal Christmas tree light switch on event was unable to go ahead due to the pandemic but we were still able to put a Christmas tree up in the Arcade last year. This year we hope to be

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able to hold a proper switch on event with carols around the tree as normal. This will be on the 28th November. Please get in touch with us at heathersidewra@gmail.com if you would like to help with this event.

Kirsty mentioned the Heatherside Book Shed which is located near the main gate at the front of Heather Ridge School. This was originally set up by Ben Leyton as the Donation Station outside The Wheatsheaf pub during lockdown but due to the pub reopening it had to be moved. Thanks to generous donations we were able to purchase and erect a dedicated shed to use. The shed is normally open Friday morning until Sunday evening and during school holidays. Residents are able to drop off donations of books and jigsaws (providing there is space) and take away as many books as they are interested in. Kirsty thanked our volunteers Angela and Angela for all the hard work they do keeping the shed tidy and organised and also Caroline Hibberd who opens and closes the shed as needed. Our thanks also to Heather Ridge for allowing us to use their land.

3) Treasurer's Report 2018/2019

Caroline Hibberd, the HWRA Treasurer, gave a brief report on the accounts for 2020/2021 and also 2019/2020, as we were unable to hold our AGM last year. The full details of these can be seen at **APPENDIX A** at the end of the minutes.

This year HWRA have been unable to raise funds as we were unable to hold our usual quiz nights or collect donations at the Christmas Tree event. However Caroline explained that there have been several occasions over the last two years when filming has been carried out on Heatherside. On each occasion the film company responsible has made a donation to HWRA to benefit the local community. As a consequence of this there is now a good sum in the HWRA account and Caroline suggested that it would be good for us to ask for ideas from the local community for ways to spend a portion of it.

The accounts were agreed by those present and signed off by Kirsty North and Caroline Hibberd. If you have any questions about the accounts or suggestions for projects which some of the money could be spent on then please email us at heathersidewra@gmail.com.

4) Election of a committee

Kirsty explained that each year we are required to elect a committee. The association is required by constitution to have four committee members normally made up of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Our current Vice Chair Reverend Larry Bain has unfortunately had to step down as he is soon to relocate to a new parish.

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Kirsty explained that she had also considered stepping down, but that she was conscious that if no one came forward from the community to take up the posts of Chair or Vice Chair then the Association might not be able to continue to exist. She asked if anyone at the meeting was prepared to stand in either post? Ben Leyton spoke and said that he also would not want to see the Association fold and was happy to offer to stand. There was a brief discussion of the posts and what the various roles involved and then the election was held.

The following were elected for the next year.

Chair - Kirsty North (nominated by Caroline Hibberd and seconded by Katherine Sargent)

Vice Chair - Ben Leyton (nominated by Kirsty North and seconded by Caroline Hibberd)

Treasurer - Caroline Hibberd (nominated by Kirsty North and seconded by Katherine Sargent)

Secretary - Katherine Sargent (nominated by Kirsty North and seconded by Caroline Hibberd)

We have also previously expressed a desire to recruit a further member to the committee to assist with event organising and publicity activities. The existing committee members are all very busy and don't have capacity to volunteer more time to carry out these tasks. We had received a message from Kim Leyton offering to stand in this role. Unfortunately Kim wasn't able to attend the meeting but she was duly elected into the position in her absence.

5) Planned HWRA and Heatherside Events

Hopefully this year we will once again be able to hold events such as our popular quiz nights. We are always interested to hear from anyone who has any ideas for other events they would like to see organised. There has been a lot of talk on social media of a desire for some kind of summer event or fair on the field. However so far no one has been forthcoming with a plan or desire to organise it. HWRA would be happy to support such an event if this is what local people want but it will need a team of volunteers to organise and run it.

Once again we will be erecting a Christmas tree in the Arcade. If anyone would like to be involved in setting up and or helping with the festivities then do please let us know at heathersidewra@gmail.com. The light switch on event will be on Sunday the 28th November (details to be confirmed).

Kirsty mentioned that the Heatherside Pop Up Coffee Shop is 'popping up' again on Saturday 16th October 10-12 in the Community Centre and will be raising money for Marie Curie this month. The Pop Up Coffee Shop generally pops up once a month on the third Saturday and raises money for different local or national charities every month. All are welcome to stop by and have a drink and cake in exchange for a small donation.

6) Heatherside Pillar Damage

Len Williams gave an update on damage which had occurred to the base of the Heatherside Pillar over the summer and the repair work that he had organised. The full text of this and pictures of the damage sustained can be seen at **APPENDIX B** at the end of the minutes.

In May Len had noticed that some damage had occurred to the brickwork at the base of the pillar which he believes was caused by mowing equipment being driven across it. Len temporarily removed the broken bricks but the situation was then made worse by the installation of an earth bund around the edge of the field. This intersected the base of the pillar and resulted in a lot of debris falling onto the base.

Len arranged for the original builders, Multibuild Construction, to repair the damage and also add a retaining wall to prevent further debris falling onto the base of the pillar. This was completed over the summer. Len also intends to install a fence to prevent mowers damaging the brickwork again, despite the SHBC contractor agreeing to only trim this area from now on.

Len has tried to claim the costs he incurred repairing the pillar from the SHBC contractor, Glendale. This amounts to £387. However, despite his claim being backed by Councillors Skipper it was refused. HWRA hold some money in our accounts which was intended to pay for maintenance of the pillar and Caroline our treasurer has offered to pay Len for the expenses he has incurred. This offer was once again made to Len at the meeting but he is still hoping to reclaim the money from Glendale. He has raised a second claim and copied in Michael Gove MP, as he originally opened the pillar for us.

7) Heather Ridge Arcade

Councillors John Skipper and Edward Hawkins gave an update on the situation with the Heather Ridge Arcade. As has been discussed at many meetings, the whole arcade area has a very run down appearance and the flooring in particular is becoming a dangerous trip hazard with uneven and broken paving slabs. There are also problems with the overgrown trees and damaged and rotten planters throughout the arcade. Investigations have revealed that this area is part of the Surrey County Council Adopted Highway however SCC Highways do not seem to be interested in maintaining and repairing the area. The Councillors and HWRA have now been trying for two and a half years to try and get something done about the state of the area.

An application was made in 2020 to try and get funding for work to be done as part of the Surrey County Council Your Fund for community projects. This is a £100 million pound fund which offers grants of up to £1 million for specific projects. More details of this can be seen here

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<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/voluntary-community-and-faith-sector/funding/community-projects-fund>

Unfortunately, despite the proposed scheme meeting all the fund criteria, the application was turned down. The reason given was that because it is Adopted Highway land it would require permission from SCC Highways. There was also a lack of support from registered by local people on the scheme website. Cllr Skipper explained that despite many approaches to SCC Highways no response to his letters has been forthcoming. Cllr Skipper expressed his frustration that despite repeated letters he is being completely ignored. He has also copied his letters to Michael Gove in the hopes that he is able to assist.

It was suggested that it might be worth an approach to SCC Highways at the next Surrey Heath Local Area Committee meeting in a couple of weeks. This is a committee which meets quarterly with representatives from the borough and county councils and SCC Highways. Members of the public are also able to attend the meetings and ask questions or propose topics for discussion. Edward Hawkins said he thinks the problem with these meetings is they are generally very focussed on specific road schemes or resurfacing of areas and they have quite a limited budget.

Edward Hawkins also added some further information about the arcade area. It appears that the overgrown bushes between The Wheatsheaf and the bus stop are actually in the ownership of the Heatherside Precinct Management Company. However this company has ceased trading and was dissolved in 2018. In situations like these the ownership passes to the treasury. A number of people suggested that SHBC or SCC should apply to take over this land and agree to maintain it. This is apparently quite a straightforward process and not an unusual thing for local authorities to do.

Edward updated the meeting with the information that he had asked for a safety inspection of the flooring in the arcade on the grounds of health and safety. However the inspector declared the area to be safe. This is extremely frustrating when we know there have been a number of occasions when people have tripped and fallen.

Edward expressed a desire to see the flooring in the area replaced or repaired and new seating installed. The trees in planters are also causing an issue as the roots are damaging the ground and the planters themselves are falling apart. Temporary works by Caroline Hibberd and a working party a couple of years ago to stabilise, tidy and repair the planters have not been followed up by any action from SHBC or SCC to maintain them. Edward suggests that the best course of action would be for the trees to be removed and replaced with smaller more suitable specimens. The planters could be replaced with brick built retaining walls. He asked if any tree surgeons could come forward to give an idea of how much it would cost to remove the trees. He

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also asked if anyone knew of a quantity surveyor who could give some idea of how much brick planters might cost. Katherine suggested that maybe some of the money HWRA have received from filming could be used towards the cost of new trees. There is also a desire within the community to see a permanent Christmas tree here so we don't have to keep chopping one down and transporting it to Heatherside each year.

Edward suggested a working party of volunteers could be assembled to cut down and tidy up the bushes on the Cumberland Road side of the arcade. He has the agreement from SHBC contractors to remove any waste generated as a result of this. The issue of sweeping in this area was also raised. The area should be swept by SHBC contractors but this doesn't seem to be happening so the Councillors will chase this up.

Audience members asked what the situation was with the rest of the Heather Ridge Arcade. As has been mentioned in previous meetings, the whole area above the ground is an absolute mess of different ownerships, many of which are owned by companies and so on and quite often the occupiers are not the owners. There is no way to force the owners to make repairs unfortunately though it is noted that many of the shop owners are trying to smarten the area up.

Edward finished by saying that he has recently had some success in getting engagement from officers at SCC Highways. He is hoping to access funding using the heading of a Community Asset. He hopes to have more news to share with us soon.

8) Councillor Updates

County Councillor - Edward Hawkins

Edward gave an update on a range of borough and county issues. He has provided a full report which can be seen at **APPENDIX C** at the end of the minutes.

Borough Activity

In Camberley town centre, works to the High Street and Princess Way are now mostly completed. Next phases are being reviewed. Discussions are in hand with a potential occupier for the old BHS store and an announcement about this will be made soon. Overall, rental income for the centre continues to cover costs and he is pleased to report an increase in enquiries from retailers

The final planned green waste collection for this year will be this month. Edward feels that Amey could have been better in the way they handled informing residents of their plans. Driver

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shortages have been the main reason for the disruption in service with many drivers being offered better contracts and terms by other businesses.

After the possible site at Watchmoor was declared unsuitable, SHBC officers continue to look for alternative Gypsy and Traveller sites in the Borough. SHBC are obliged by law to provide sites and need in the short term around 15. Each site is the size of at least half of a football pitch.

SCC is clearing a site near Merstham at a cost of circa £1.5m to create a Gypsy and Traveller transit camp. Planning consent will be needed. A further site is under review in the west of the county but not within Surrey Heath. Providing these sites also means that unauthorised incursions can be dealt with more swiftly as the Travellers can be asked to move on to these sites. If no sites are available, the legal process to remove unauthorised occupiers from the land takes longer.

Edward explained that the concern at Borough is that unless Gypsy and Traveller sites are identified, the SHBC Local Plan under the current rules will be declared unsound. This will enable developers to push for consent on sites SHBC want to either protect or not come forward just yet. SHBC will have minimal defense against planning appeals. Katherine asked if this could mean the Frimley Fuel Allotments and land at Pine Ridge Golf Course could once again be under threat? Edward replied that this land and the land at Fair Oaks in Chobham were the two areas in the borough of most concern.

Edward is in contact with Michael Gove and his team on Divisional items. Now Mr Gove has a new job Edward has been pushing for changes to the Planning White Paper especially the housing targets for each Borough & District. He considers that these should be either Surrey wide or in his opinion, regional.

County Activity

Edward reported that as with last year SCC are aiming for a balanced budget. With everything that has gone on over the past year this will be a challenge even though they have received some financial support from the Government.

Children & Adult Social Care services are the biggest draw on the Council's finances – about 63% of the annual budget. Costs are rising as is demand, especially mental support for young children. It is too early to say what the new levy will do to help SCC but it is unlikely to help this year.

Demolition is under way on the former Pinehurst care home site on Park Road. A planning application will be submitted for a building offering accommodation with care and support. The

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intention is that the completed development will have 70 units for affordable independent living. More news will be posted as matters progress.

The government has announced a further £500m will be made available for councils from October to support the most vulnerable households as we enter the winter months. This is in the form of a Winter Support Grant. The money will help families with essentials through small grants to meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities. SCC are in touch with the Department for Work and Pensions to understand more about when exactly this money will be available and whether we will be administering it through the Surrey Crisis Fund.

After a rigorous review process there will be a new highways contract for Surrey from April 2022. The successful contractor will be announced this month and will be responsible for delivering vital road repairs, resurfacing and specialist projects as well as the upkeep of drains and verges, winter gritting and snow clearing

The lack of a safe Ravenscote Crossing remains an important issue and Edward has remained in close contact with SCC Officers as he continues to push for a resolution to this matter. He recently had a meeting with the Borough Police Commander concerning it. He explained that the Police investigations into the accident in June on the Old Bisley Road are still not completed. Last Friday Police from the Road Safety Unit and SCC Officers were on site as part of the traffic management plan for the area and he understands that an updated report will be issued within the next few weeks. Edward would like to publicly thank the Ravenscote parents for operating crossing patrols since the start of the Autumn term.

Edward strongly feels that the lack of drop off and pick up areas is part of the problem for Ravenscote in particular. On the opposite side of the Old Bisley Road there is land owned by the Frimley Fuel Allotments Charity. Edward asked Graham Tapper (A Trustee of the Charity) if he could find out whether the Fuel Allotments Charity would be able to make land available for use as a drop off and pick up area for parents. Graham replied that he felt it was unlikely this would be possible but he would investigate.

As with previous years, Edward has a sum of money (£5,000 in total) available to distribute as part of his Members Grant. There is a qualifying criteria, but as before he wishes to help organisations that support the vulnerable and less able, with a focus on youth with Special Needs. Interested parties can contact Edward direct at edward.hawkins@surreycc.gov.uk

Borough Councillor - Graham Tapper

Graham gave an update on the work he has been involved with over the last few months and other more general Heatherside updates.

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The earth bunds have now been installed around the boundary of the Recreation ground and the Wellingtonia Avenue. These should hopefully prevent unauthorised vehicles from accessing the area. Graham plans to find out when the wildflower seeds, that were promised as part of the project, will be spread on the bunds, as around now is the optimum time to ensure they grow next summer.

The disabled bays outside Sainsbury's were in a poor state but the uneven surface and potholes have now been filled and the lines repainted so it is clear that they are designated for those with disabilities.

The new playground at Maguire Drive is now finished and open. Some protruding tree stumps which posed a trip hazard have also been cut down. Renovations are planned for the playground in the development at Amber Hill. New non slip surfacing is to be installed and the existing equipment sandblasted and repainted with replacement panels.

Graham is pleased to report that the longstanding issue of flooding of gardens on Longlands Way during heavy rainstorms has now been resolved. Previously water and debris from the Wellingtonia Avenue would cascade down into gardens and cause damage but hopefully this now won't occur again.

Graham reported that a number of litter bins have now been installed in areas of high littering and that open topped bins are now being replaced with closed ones to prevent litter blowing around and foxes accessing the bins. The most recent one is at the junction of The Ridings and Old Bisley Road.

Unfortunately a patch of Japanese Knotweed has now been seen growing at the junction of Yockley Close and The Maultway. This is believed to have occurred due to careless disposal of knotweed from the Mindenhurst development when lorries carrying it away from the site along The Maultway were not properly sealed. Graham has reported the weed but is having trouble convincing SCC that it is actually knotweed.

Graham mentioned that there is a dead tree in the Wellingtonia Avenue and he wondered whether some of the filming money might be used to commission a chainsaw artist to carve a sculpture out of it. This idea was very popular with meeting attendees.

Graham also mentioned that a broken bench on the recreation ground has now been repaired. There was a general discussion about the lack of seating on the recreation ground with the exception of a few uncomfortable metal benches near the play area. It was suggested that we

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ask the Council to install some more seating around the grounds, maybe against the bunds and facing into the field. The Councillorss explained that they do each have a pot of money of £1500 a year which we could apply to for seating of this type to be installed. A maximum of £500 can be used for one project but there are three councillors and we could ask for £500 from each of them. This was widely supported as an idea by the audience. The councillors would also like to hear from anyone else with ideas for uses for their allocation money.

Borough Councillor - John Skipper

Most of John's updates had been covered in the discussion about the Arcade but he mentioned that he had also been involved in trying to ensure enough bins were supplied in high use areas such as Heatherside Recreation Ground. He is also trying to ensure that the bins are emptied frequently enough. There seems to be an issue in some areas where the bins are often overflowing and he suggested that if they cannot be emptied more frequently without an additional cost that perhaps they could be replaced with larger bins.

John has managed to get approval to install two notice boards on the wall outside McColls next to the cash machines. Apparently mounting them on poles would have required a licence from SCC Highways but installing them on the wall gets around this. The new boards will be for information from SHBC and also a community noticeboard where useful information, contact numbers and so on can be posted. This could include notices about our meetings and other community events.

9) The Future of HWRA?

Kirsty explained that when HWRA was first set up in 2015 there were a lot of issues being raised at every meeting and many of these have now been resolved or no longer exist. Prior to the COVID 19 pandemic we held meetings approximately every 3 months but the committee feel that is probably no longer necessary and that meetings twice a year might be sufficient to deal with Heatherside issues. An exception could be made, and an extraordinary meeting called, if a particular issue arose requiring discussion. This happened in July last year when we called a meeting specifically to deal with the issue of the protection of the Heatherside Recreation Ground. The meeting attendees agreed that this was a sensible course of action but please do let us know if you feel more regular meetings are needed.

10) Next Meeting Date

Based on the earlier discussion it was agreed that the next meeting would probably be held around late March/early April 2022 but this is to be confirmed nearer the time. Due to regular

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bookings in the Community Centre, only Monday nights are available as a meeting day. Katherine suggested it might be worth investigating the possibility of hiring meeting space in Haven House at Heather Ridge School.

11) AOB

Filming Income

Caroline reminded everyone to think about what they might like to see the money received from film companies spent on. If you have any good ideas you can submit them to us at heathersidewra@gmail.com for discussion and consideration.

Esso Pipeline Replacement Update

The Esso pipeline replacement is going ahead and work has started locally. The pipeline is set to follow the route of the existing pipeline across the Fuel Allotments and along the MOD land side of The Maultway.

Mindenhurst Construction Traffic

Katherine highlighted an issue with Mindenhurst (Deepcut) construction lorries. All construction traffic for the development is meant to use The Maultway to access the site as a condition of the planning permission for the development. However over the past few months there have been numerous occasions when lorries accessing the development have been using the Old Bisley Road. These lorries are large, heavy and often travel at speed. This is of particular concern as there are several schools along this road and there are lots of children on bikes, using the pavements and crossing the road. It is also adding considerable wear and tear to the road surface.

Katherine explained that she had been in touch with Skanska, who are in charge of the development, to complain about this breach of the planning condition. She had also made Councillors Paul Deach and Edward Hawkins aware of the situation. Photos and evidence of the lorries using the road was supplied by email. Skanska and the Bovis site manager have both been very helpful in trying to stop this nuisance. One company have been issued with a final warning, that should it happen again, they would be removed from the approved contractor list for the development. Unfortunately, every time a new contractor is employed the problem seems to occur again. Hopefully now though all the contractors are aware of the required route of travel. If anyone does see construction lorries from Deepcut using the Old Bisley Road then please let us know at heathersidewra@gmail.com and we can report it again.

Local Heritage List Project

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Katherine mentioned that Surrey Heath Borough Council have launched an initiative where local residents or organisations can nominate assets in Surrey Heath to be included on the local heritage list. You can read more about it here

<https://surreyheath.gov.uk/residents/planning/historic-environment/local-heritage-assets?fbclid=IwAR0hJxHZeBw4j5bslVAaKfptJa8qAB5cYKXrGwSlGL0wbVsQdAAAxLMcGKA>

The nomination process is by a simple web form at

<https://surreycc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=e1dc1b3a8cc1410d8ebcd29e98be3477>

Katherine suggested that HWRA should nominate the Wellingtonia Avenue for inclusion on the list. This was widely supported and has been done since the meeting. Others at the meeting also suggested that the Frimley Fuel Allotments could also be nominated. Even though this is not within Heatherside, the project covers the whole of Surrey Heath.

Get George Home Campaign

We have been asked to share the details of a campaign which has been set up to raise funds to help a local Heatherside boy George Bailey. George suffered a terrible brain injury in February and in order for him to come home from hospital many adaptations to the family home are needed and a lot of specialist equipment will be required. If you would like to know more or are able to donate to the cause please go to

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/getgeorgehome>

APPENDIX A - Treasurer's Report 2019/2020 and 2020/2021

HEATHERSIDE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	YEAR 2020 £	YEAR 2019 £
Income		
Donations	522	545
Christmas Tree Donations	351	136
Quiz Night	194	477
Community Pillar	50	210
SHBC - High Streets Community Clear Up	0	817
Book Shed	196	0
Total Income	<u>1,313</u>	<u>2,185</u>
Expenditure		
Christmas Tree and Lights	280	435
Community Centre Hire & Meetings	171	123
Community Pillar	165	385
Public liability Insurance	118	118
SHBC - High Streets Community Clear Up	121	571
Community competitions	38	0
Total Expenditure	<u>893</u>	<u>1,632</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>420</u>	<u>553</u>
Funds Brought Forward	3,059	2,506
Funds Carried Forward	<u>3,479</u>	<u>3,059</u>
Represented by:		
Bank account	<u>3,479</u>	<u>3,059</u>
Fund Balances:		
General	2,809	2,153
Community Pillar (designated)	545	660
SHBC - High Streets Community Clear Up (restricted)	125	246

Declaration

The Committee declare that they have approved the Income and Expenditure Account above
Signed on behalf of the Association's Committee:

Signature:	K North	C Hibberd
Full name:	Kirsty North	Caroline Hibberd
Position:	Chair	Treasurer
Date:	11-Oct-21	11-Oct-21

HEATHERSIDE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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Donations	1,127	522
Christmas Tree Donations	0	351
Quiz Night	0	194
Community Pillar	0	50
Book Shed	0	196
Total Income	<u>1,127</u>	<u>1,313</u>
Expenditure		
Christmas Tree and Lights	33	280
Community Centre Hire & Meetings	0	171
Community Pillar	0	165
Public liability Insurance	129	118
SHBC - High Streets Community Clear Up	0	121
Community competitions	17	38
Book Shed	34	0
General and Stationery	10	0
Total Expenditure	<u>223</u>	<u>893</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>904</u>	<u>420</u>
Funds Brought Forward	3,479	3,059
Funds Carried Forward	<u>4,383</u>	<u>3,479</u>
Represented by:		
Bank account	<u>4,383</u>	<u>3,479</u>
Fund Balances:		
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Community Pillar (designated)	545	545
SHBC - High Streets Community Clear Up (restricted)	125	125

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APPENDIX B - Heatherside Pillar Damage – Len Williams.

On May the 15th I noticed that the plinth of the Heatherside Pillar had been damaged, apparently by a vehicle being driven over it. This had caused several bricks to have broken loose while others, still cemented together, had broken free from the base. In my opinion the most likely cause of the damage was by the mechanical mower being driven over it. The loose bricks were removed and a photo was posted on the forum. Over the following weeks the state of the plinth deteriorated and then the bund was installed. Unfortunately the bund intersected with the edge of the plinth and debris from the bund face accumulated on the plinth. By the 17th June the situation was as shown in this photograph.



The dark patch is my footprint which covers a set of bricks which had broken loose. I commissioned Multibuild Construction, the builders who had constructed the plinth, to repair the damage and to add a retaining wall at the rear to restrict debris from the bund falling onto the plinth. This work was carried out in July/Aug and the plinth was fully restored.



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The bricks were attached using an industrial strength adhesive and pointed using the original cement mix.

Cllr. Skipper had been informed of the situation and he had secured an agreement from the ground maintenance team to only use 'strimmers' around the plinth.

The cost of the works came to £387.00 and a claim was submitted to Glendale for this amount. This claim was rejected on the basis that there was no direct proof that the mower had caused the damage and that the field was accessed by many other vehicles and contractors. The claim was resubmitted pointing out that the other vehicles associated with the sports field do not approach the area of the pillar and the only other vehicle that does enter this area is the waste bin truck, which usually parks by the toilet block, the bins being emptied manually. Cllr. Skipper added his own cover to this supporting the claim. This resubmittal has been copied to the Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP, as he performed the original dedication of the pillar.

To prevent further damage the installation of a low level fence, similar to the type used to separate lawns from flower beds, is being investigated to prevent further incursion by the mower.

Len Williams

APPENDIX C - Update from County Councillor Edward Hawkins

Heatherside 11 October 2021

Borough Activity

Borough Cllrs will no doubt give a more detailed up-date but in brief;

Works to High Street and Princess Way now mostly completed. Next phases are being reviewed.

Ex BHS space; Discussions in hand with a potential occupier and an announcement to be made any day.

Town Centre. Overall, rental Income continues to cover our costs. Increase in enquiries from retailers

Green Waste /Drivers; The final green waste collection for this year (as far as I am aware) will be this month. I consider that Amey could have been better in the way they handled informing residents of their plans. As I understand it, drivers would come into work one day and not turn up the next - offered bounty / higher money from elsewhere, possibly supermarkets

Local Plan WG / Gypsy & Travellers; After the possible site at Watchmoor was declared unsuitable, Officers continue to look for alternative G&T sites in the Borough. We are obliged by law to provide sites and need in the short term circa 15. Each site is the size of at least half of a football pitch.

SCC is clearing a site near Merstham at a cost of circa £1.5m to create a G&T transit camp. Planning consent will be needed. A further site is under review in the west of the County. (Not Surrey Heath)

The concern at Borough is that unless G&T sites are identified, our local plan under the current rules will be declared unsound. This will enable developers to push for consent on sites we want to either protect or not come forward just yet. We will have minimal defense against planning appeals

I am in contact with Michael Gove and his team on Divisional items. Now he has a new Job I have been pushing for changes to the Planning White Paper especially the housing targets for each Borough & District. I consider that these should be either Surrey wide or (my option) regional.

County Activity

Budget; As with last year we are aiming for a balanced budget. With everything that has gone on over the past year this will be a challenge even though we have received some financial support from the Government.

Children & Adult Social Care ; These services are the biggest draw on the Councils finances – about 63% of the annual budget. Costs are rising as is demand, especially mental support for young children. Too early to say what the new levy will do to help us but in any case, not this year.

Demolition is under way on the Pinehurst site on Park Road. A planning application will be submitted for a building offering Accommodation with Care and Support. The intention is that the completed development will have 70 units for affordable independent living. More news to be posted as matters progress.

Winter Support Grant; The government has announced a further £500m will be made available for councils from October to support the most vulnerable households as we enter the winter months. The money will help families with essentials through small grants to meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities. We are in touch with the Department for Work and Pensions to understand more about when exactly this money will be available and whether we will be administering it through the Surrey Crisis Fund.

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Highways; After a rigorous review process there will be a new highways contract for Surrey from April 2022: the successful contractor will be announced this month and will be responsible for delivering vital road repairs, resurfacing and specialist projects as well as the upkeep of drains and verges, winter gritting and snow clearing

Heather Ridge Shops

The majority of the open area is adopted highway. The area with the bushes fronting Cumberland Road is listed as being in the ownership of Heatherside Precinct Management Company. The company was dissolved in January 2018.

It is a shame that we cannot access money from the £100m SCC “Your Fund Surrey”. I was surprised that only just over 100 residents supported an application. After conversations with various SCC Officers I am pushing the relevant Cabinet Member to see if we can access money under the heading of “Community Asset”. As part of my efforts, I have invited him to meet with me on site.

Furthermore, I have;

- Arranged for an inspection of the paving on the grounds of Health & Safety. The response was that the Officer who made a site visit and accepted that although the surface is not even, there were no safety defects that met Surrey County Council safety matrix criteria. I said that I did not agree with the comment and was aware of a number of instances when people had tripped.
- Met with three different Officers to discuss options and how we can get some work carried out

We agreed that a scheme could possibly include replacing the existing paving slabs with a quality alternative product, introducing smarter looking coordinated street furniture (potentially including some seating area), introducing new planters would be ideal.

We also looked at addressing the problems being caused by the trees. It would help me if there was a tree surgeon / specialist that could look at the trees and give some idea of the cost of removing them and replacing with a more suitable type. Another idea I have is to replace the wooden sleepers with bricks. Again, I would like to hear from someone with experience of bricklaying.

With the different Officers we reviewed funding as follows;

- Borough funded scheme. The Leader of SHBC is well aware of the problems here and I have had a number of conversations with him to see if there are any funds we can access.
- CIL funding. In part linked to the above and using the Heatherside Borough Cllrs CIL funding along with money from the CIL “pool”
- Surrey Communities Project Fund. Not clear at this stage if the type of scheme is eligible
- Surrey Heath Local Committee funding. A scheme could be assessed, ranked and considered for inclusion as part of the Local Committee’s work programme. However, given the nature of the scheme and the weighting of the assessment criteria, the proposal may

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not be ranked as a high priority relative to other proposals on the scheme list, ie resurfacing roads.

- Some combination of the above.
- Sponsorship. Something I am looking into so suggestions much appreciated.

In the first instance, we need to get a working party together to tackle the landscaping.

I have spoken with Officers at Surrey Heath and agreed that if a work party was put together to tidy the Precinct, SHBC Greenspace Team would clear the debris. I have not got agreement on the sleepers. Furthermore, whenever I go to the area, it looks to me as if it has not been swept for some time and I have taken this up with the Portfolio Holder.

Ravenscote Crossing

I have remained in close contact with SCC Officers as I continue to push for a resolution to this matter. I recently had a meeting with the Borough Police Commander. The Police investigations into the accident in June on Old Bisley Road are still not completed. Last Friday Police from the Road Safety Unit and SCC Officers were on site as part of the traffic management plan for the area and I understand that an updated report will be issued within the next few weeks.

I am due to meet with the Unit to discuss safety issues generally, but no date has as yet been fixed.

Can I publically thank the parents for operating crossing patrols.

Clearly the lack of drop off and pick up areas is part of the problem for Ravenscote in particular. On the opposite side of Old Bisley Road there is land owned by the Frimley Fuel Allotments Charity. Graham as a Trustee of the Charity, can you look into making land available this purpose.

Members Grant; As with previous years I have a sum of money (£5,000 in total). There is a qualifying criteria, but as before I wish to help organizations that support the vulnerable and less able, with a focus on youth with Special Needs. Can interested parties contact me direct on;

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